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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office action of May 17, 2005, the time for response to which has been extended by three months as indicated in the enclosed Combined Amendment Transmittal and Request for Extension of Time, please consider the following remarks.

Claims 1-10, 12-50, 72-75, 84, and 86-90 are currently pending. Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-50, 72-75, 84, and 86-90 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Karim et al., AAPS Annual Meeting Contributed Papers Abstracts, 1997 ("AAPS") in view of Black, EP 0 863 134 ("Black"). Claim 3 stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.